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SUBJECT: EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY

1. EAST AFRICAN MINISTER FOR COMMON MARKET AND  
ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, R.J. OUKO, KENYAN CITIZEN, CALLED  
ME IN SATURDAY MORNING, JANUARY 18, PARTLY TO DISCUSS  
COMMUNITY AFFAIRS AND PARTLY TO REQUEST ASSISTANCE  
ON PERSONAL MEDICAL PROBLEM. I AM SENDING SEPARATE LETTER  
TO AF/E ON MEDICAL PROBLEM.

2. REGARDING EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY, OUKO'S HOLD ON  
OPTIMISM SEEMED TENUOUS. HE DID NOT SEE COLLAPSE OF  
COMMUNITY AS IMMINENT BUT DID EXPRESS FEAR THAT THREE  
MEMBER STATES MAY HAVE LOST QUOTE POLITICAL WILL  
UNQUOTE TO CONTINUE FOR LONG UNDER TREATY AS NOW  
WRITTEN. ACK OF POLITICAL WILL IS EVIDENT, FOR  
EXAMPLE, IN REFUSAL OF ANY ONE STATE TO TAKE LEAD IN  
TRANSFERRING BLOCKED CORPORATION FUNDS TO OTHERS ON  
SHARE-ALIKE BASIS. THOUGH SECRETARIAT HAD VIRTUALLY  
CLAMORED FOR MANDATE TO REVISE TREATY, IF THAT WOULD  
DIMINISH UNHAPPINESS OVER CESSION OF SOVEREIGNTY IN  
GIVEN AREAS, THERE WAS NO RESPONSE AT NATIONAL LEVEL.  
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3. I ASKED WHETHER IT WOULD NOT BE REVITALIZING FOR THREE HEADS OF STATE TO MEET. HE REPLIED UNQUESTIONABLY YES, BUT MEETING OF AUTHORITY NOT UNLIKELY. HE ASSIGNED GREATEST RELUCTANCE TO NYERERE, WHO IN RECENT CONVERSATION WITH OUKO SAID MEETING OF AUTHORITY WAS QUOTE IMPOSSIBLE UNQUOTE.

4. OUKO EXPRESSED WARM APPRECIATION FOR U.S. ASSISTANCE TO COMMUNITY. HE HOPED UNITED STATES WOULD CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT DESPITE CURRENT DIFFICULTIES SUPPORTING COMMUNITY WAS RIGHT. NO NATIONAL STATE GIVES UP IN FACE OF PROBLEMS, HE SAID, AND COMMUNITY SHOULD NOT DO SO.

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